

HB0386/423924/1

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 386
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, before “**Small**” insert “Anne Arundel County and City of Annapolis –”; in line 6, strike “areas” and substitute “Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis when in a”; in the same line, strike “a”; and in line 8, after “business;” insert “establishing the Workgroup to Study the Establishment of a State Disaster Relief Fund;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with “and” in line 18 down through “section” in line 19 and substitute “AND SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (I) OF THIS SECTION”.

On page 4, in line 20, strike “AREAS OF THE STATE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER” and substitute “ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS WHEN THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER”; and in line 22, strike “IN AN AREA OF THE STATE DESCRIBED IN” and substitute “SUBJECT TO”.

On page 5, after line 5, insert:

“(5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF MONEY DISTRIBUTED TO THE ACCOUNT FROM THE PROCEEDS OF VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS AT THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY LOCATED IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.”;

and after line 27, insert:

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“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Workgroup to Study the Establishment of a State Disaster Relief Fund.

(b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

(1) four representatives from county emergency management agencies, designated by the Maryland Association of Counties;

(2) two county government representatives with familiarity with county purchasing and finance, designated by the Maryland Association of Counties;

(3) two representatives from the Maryland Emergency Management Association, designated by the President of the Association;

(4) the Secretary of Emergency Management, or the Secretary’s designee;

(5) the Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary’s designee;

(6) two members of the Maryland Municipal League, appointed by the President of the Maryland Municipal League; and

(7) two members to represent the Governor’s Emergency Management Advisory Committee, appointed by the Governor.

(c) The Workgroup shall elect the chair of the Workgroup.

(d) The Maryland Department of Emergency Management shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

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(e) A member of the Workgroup:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Workgroup shall study and make recommendations regarding:

(1) the efficacy and sustainability of existing emergency fund sources;
and

(2) the potential establishment of a State Disaster Relief Fund.

(g) On or before December 31, 2022, the Workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”;

in line 28, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 29, after the period, insert “Section 1 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2024, Section 1 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2023, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.